



The Kalisher Trust internship at JUSTICE

About us

JUSTICE is an all-party law reform and human rights organisation working to strengthen the justice system – administrative, civil and criminal – in the United Kingdom. Our vision is of fair, accessible and efficient legal processes, in which the individual's rights are protected, and which reflect the country's international reputation for upholding and promoting the rule of law.

The Kalisher Trust exists to help people qualify as barristers and begin their professional career at the Criminal Bar. Set up in 1996, the Kalisher Trust helps talented students otherwise unable to come to the Criminal Bar due to financial constraints. We are immensely proud of the work we do, which identifies and encourages the brightest and best, regardless of background. Our role is to support talent, wherever we find it, and to ensure it is nurtured, encouraged, and used, in the best and proudest traditions of the Criminal Bar, for the public good.

The Kalisher scholarships are intended to encourage and assist those intending to practice at the Criminal Bar who demonstrate “exceptional promise but modest means”.

The Kalisher Trust internship at JUSTICE will take place over four months from October 2016 to January 2017, and will be based in our London office. Interns will be paid an award of £5,000 in total.

What JUSTICE does

- We carry out research and analysis to generate, develop and evaluate ideas for law reform. In doing so, we draw on evidence, experience and expertise from the United Kingdom and across the world
- We intervene in superior domestic and international courts, sharing our research, analysis and arguments with courts to support their work and promote strong and effective legal judgments
- We promote a better understanding of the fair administration of justice among decision-makers and public servants
- We bring people together to discuss critical issues about the justice system, and to provide a thoughtful legal framework to policy debates

Internships at JUSTICE

JUSTICE has a small full-time staff and relies on the support and assistance provided by interns and volunteers. Interns at JUSTICE are offered the opportunity to develop skills and experience within an established and respected legal charity.

The Kalisher intern works with our Director of Criminal Justice on a range of domestic and EU criminal justice matters. As an intern you will be an invaluable member of our team, assisting in the development of our policy lines and providing research and analysis to support arguments for or against law reform. If we are involved in a third party intervention during your internship, you will be undertaking comparative research and possibly drafting

submissions. You will accompany us to meetings with law-makers and NGOs, speaking engagements and events as well as court hearings. You will attend internal meetings and are expected to engage with colleagues as if you are a member of the JUSTICE staff.

What is it like to be a Kalisher Trust intern at JUSTICE?

Zoë Chapman was a Kalisher Trust intern at JUSTICE in 2015/16. She now works part time as a legal researcher at JUSTICE and part time for the Just Security blog run by New York University and is applying for pupillage.

Interning at JUSTICE for four months was one of the most transformative and worthwhile aspects of my “legal education” so far. I spent a large part of the time contributing research and drafting research notes for JUSTICE’s Complex and Lengthy Criminal Trials report and helping to complete a report on police use of force for the Hungarian Helsinki Committee. The rest of the time, I got to attend conferences, talks and meetings with various members of the legal profession, third sector organisations, etc, in a variety of settings, from top law firms to what seemed to be the canteen of the Old Bailey – really good for gaining familiarity with the legal “world”. I even went on a few recces to Crown and magistrates’ courts – the “coal face of policy work” ...

I can look back, having completed the internship, and see that there has been a very definite improvement in my research and drafting skills. I feel I’m much more efficient and confident in terms of sourcing material and presenting it. I’ve also gained a much better and more cohesive understanding of the criminal justice system and the legal professions, and possibly of how charities like JUSTICE interact with the criminal justice system. I think I’ve gained a lot of confidence and feel more equal to the task of carving out a career for myself. I’m very grateful to Kalisher and JUSTICE for facilitating it!

Zoë, Kalisher Intern at JUSTICE Sept 2015- January 2016

Who can apply?

The successful candidate will:

- have completed a law degree or Graduate Diploma in Law
- have completed or soon be taking the BPTC
- have an excellent academic record, and proven intellectual ability
- have a demonstrated interest in criminal law and the criminal justice system
- be motivated to succeed at the Criminal Bar, and have taken steps to develop skills and personal qualities necessary to succeed at the Criminal Bar
- have demonstrated potential as an advocate
- have excellent verbal and written communication skills
- be committed to the mission, vision and values of JUSTICE
- be able to demonstrate financial need (in confidence, candidates will be asked to supply the interview panel with appropriate evidence of need)

How to apply

To be considered for an internship please email a copy of your **CV** and a **brief covering letter** to jobs@justice.org.uk. The covering letter should explain how you are of “exceptional promise but modest means”, and indicate relevant education, skills and experience. Your CV should include the contact details of two referees (who will not be contacted until after the interview).

Please mark your email with 'INTERNSHIP' in the subject line.

The closing date for applications is **Sunday 10 July 2016 at 9pm.**

Short listed candidates will be invited for an interview from 5pm in the week beginning 25 July 2016.

JUSTICE's internship programme is governed by the principles of equal opportunity.